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FORM DS 322(OCR)

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RUSH

PET 6 UK

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CLASSIFICATION
SPECIAL CHARGES

REVIEWED BY

XR PET 15-2 LIBYA

PET 172 GREECE

EB/ORF/FSE:GBROWN
6/11/73 EXT. 20681
EB/IFD/OIA:MKKENEDY

RDSI for XDS EAT. DATE
TS AUTH. REASON(S)
ENDORSE EXISTING MARKINGS
DECLASSIFIED RELEASABLE
RELEASE DEFERRED
PA or FOI EXEMPTIONS

PART
B1/A3

L/E:JDMUIR
NEA/GRK:GTCHURCHILL

NAME

AF/N:WCLARK

NAME

EUR/NE:CFLOYD (INFO)

CLEARANCES

Classification Extended By:

C.E. McManaway

A/CDC

8/11/1980

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RDS-1

6/11/85

ROUTINE

ATHENS

ROUTINE

BEIRUT, BONN, JIDDA, KUWAIT, LONDON, PARIS, ROME,

TEHRAN, THE HAGUE, TRIPOLI, ALGIERS, EC BRUSSELS, OECD PARIS

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ENGR, LY, GR
SUBJ: LIBYAN OIL
REF: ATHENS 3421

PET 6 OK
XR PET 15-2 LIBYA

INITIALS

MK

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JDM

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1. [REDACTED] THAT: (A) BP HAS SOUGHT
WRIT OF ATTACHMENT AGAINST PETROLA HELLAS (LATSIS) AND

2. YOU SHOULD ACCORDINGLY

MAKE FOLLOWING PRESENTATION TO GOG:

(A) NATIONALIZATION OF BRITISH PETROLEUM, ACCORDING TO
LARG'S OWN STATEMENTS, MADE FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES AND WAS
NOT CONNECTED TO ANY DISPUTE WITH
NOT CONNECTED TO ANY DISPUTE WITH OIL COMPANY. THIS
CONTRASTS WITH GENERALLY ACCEPTED PRINCIPLE THAT NATIONALI-
ZATION SHOULD BE FOR NON-POLITICAL PURPOSE, NON-DISCRIMINA-
TORY, AND ACCOMPANIED BY REASONABLE PROVISION FOR JUST
COMPENSATION. WE BELIEVE GOG SHARES OUR CONCERN THAT
LARG'S ACTION IS UNHELPFUL PRECEDENT AND NOT IN ACCORD
WITH INTERNATIONAL LAW.

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[B] BP REMAINS UNCOMPENSATED, AND HAS APPEALED ITALIAN COURT CASE CONCERNING ITS CONTINUING RIGHTS TO OIL EXTRACTED FROM ITS CONCESSION IN LIBYA WHICH WAS NATIONALIZED. LARG DID NOT APPOINT ARBITRATOR, AS PROVIDED IN CONTRACT, DESPITE REPEATED REQUESTS IT DO SO BY BP. WE NOW UNDERSTAND THAT INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE HAS APPOINTED SOLE ARBITRATOR IN ACCORDANCE WITH CONTRACT PROVISION. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, USG VIEWS PB'S ACTIONS WITH RESPECT TO PURSUING POSSIBLE LEGAL REMEDIES AS JUSTIFIED.

3. WE WILL RAISE ISSUE IN SIMILAR TERMS WITH GREEK EMBASSY. 44

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